GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
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DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN MACHINE TOOL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out a national programme to provide fillip to the Indian machine tool industry;

(b) if so, whether the Government considers that these measures would help the Industry to achieve double-digit growth rate from the current negative growth rate;

(c) if so, the details of the measures chalked out;

(d) whether these measures have been implemented; and

(e) if so, the results achieved thereof so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING,DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS` WELFARE THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The National Programme for Development of the Indian Machine Tool Industry (NPDIMTI) implemented by the Government of India in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), the EXIM Bank of India and the Indian Machine Tool Manufactures Association (IMTMA) was launched on 13th December, 2001. The objective of the NPDIMTI is to enhance competitiveness and achieve a double-digit growth rate for the sector.

(c): The measures to achieve these objectives include, technology upgradation through preparation of technology manuals, exposure to newer technologies, market development through participation in international fairs, preparation of the international market database, capacity building through regular courses on designs, mechatronics, study of best practices, etc.

(d) & (e): Under the NPDIMTI, implementation of specific activities for enhanced market access and technology upgradation have been initiated. So far the following activities have been completed.

i) 3 Design Training Programmes have been organized for training to 55 Engineers.

ii) A Survey of Global Technology Trends in Machine Tool Sector and the dissemination of Technology Information amongst 150 Machine Tool Manufacturers.

iii) A delegation of Machine Tool Manufacturers visited the China Fair in April, 2002 for tapping export potential and adoption of improved marketing practices.